

Women's Fund of East Tennessee Network Grant Request

The Women's Fund of East Tennessee (WFET) is now accepting grant requests for the Strong Women, Strong Futures network. This round of network funding will be a 2-year grant cycle running from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026.

The Strong Women, Strong Futures network is a collaboration of nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping every girl and woman in East Tennessee reach her potential through post-secondary education. Network funding can support work across sectors, from education to social services to housing to after-school programs and more, that is focused on empowering more girls and women to pursue education after high school, particularly those individuals facing economic challenges. The Strong Women, Strong Futures network has been designed to achieve the following goals:

1. Creating opportunities for more low-income girls and women in East Tennessee to see post-secondary education as a real and viable option and ultimately enroll in it.
2. Fostering partnerships between similarly focused non-profit organizations to share expertise and provide collaboration.
3. Collectively identifying opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and improvement that lead to success for girls and women in East Tennessee

Selection Process Timeline

- **March 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024:** Accepting applications.
- **March 31, 2024 @ 5:00pm, EST:** Application deadline. Electronically submitted applications must be sent via email to bglover@wfet.org no later than 5:00pm, EST, on March 31, 2024.
- **May 31, 2024: Grant Notification.** Network member organizations/grant recipients will be notified of awards.

2024-2025 Network Convenings

(Selected organizations are asked to commit at least two staff members to attend each network convening. These convenings will be a time of collaboration and education among network member organizations).

Tentative dates

Convening #1: July 17, 2024 (in person meeting)

Convening #2: November 13, 2024 (virtual meeting)

Convening #3: March 25, 2025 (TBD)

Eligibility

To be considered for WFET funding, the proposing organization must:

- Provide confirmation that the organization is a 501(c)(3) public charity, unit of government, or public educational institution; and
- Have a service area that touches one or more counties in WFET's [25 county service area](#)

Network grant funding may be used for program expenses including staffing, program support and/or enhancements, travel, and materials. No funds may be used for capital improvements or general operations.

Grant Funding

The network grant funding will award up to ten organizations \$35,000 each over two years.

Please send the completed grant request to bglover@wfet.org by March 31, 2024 @ 5:00pm, ET.

Please include any documents you would like to share along with your request such as resources you've created, reports on generating awareness, or any other relevant materials.

I. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Website/URL	
EIN:	
Requested by: (Name/Title)	

II. FUNDING REQUEST

What is the purpose of this grant request? (250 words or less)

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How does the grant align with the Strong Women Strong Futures network purpose to empower more low-income girls and women in East TN to pursue education after high school?

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**What impact will you be able to make with the above requested funding? Be specific.
What metrics will be used to measure success?**

Describe your service area and clientele (i.e, counties served, number of clients served, demographics of clientele)

How many individuals do you anticipate will be impacted by this grant funding?

Please provide a brief itemization of how the funds will be used and any other funding resources that have been committed or pending.

III. SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Please include the following documents when submitting your completed grant application:

- Most recent financial statements and/or most recent audit and/or IRS Form 990
- Current year organization operating budget
- List of current board of directors or equivalent governing body
- List of staff administering the project

III. RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE

Date request sent to Committee: _____

Date recommendation received from Committee: _____

Recommendation to approve funding request: Yes _____ OR No _____

IV. BOARD APPROVAL

Date request sent to Board: _____

Date voted by Board: _____

Approved: Yes _____ OR No _____

V. GRANT PAID

Date Check sent: _____ Check #: _____

Date Check Received: _____

VI. GRANT REPORT

Date report received: _____

Date photos received: _____